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From: George Stevens

Gentlemen,

This is a request for your assistance please. For my sin of publishing a history of the R.A.N.'s WW2 Wireless and Radio Mechanics, I have been asked by the Naval Historical Society (NHS) to co-ordinate the creation of articles dealing with the history of RADAR in the R.A.N. The enclosed NHS flier will give you the background.

In order to supplement whatever intending authors might want to contribute, I would like to capture the undoubted myriad of information snippets which I am hoping are nestling in the recesses of your respective memories. These I will incorporate in a composite article, and/or use to supplement the drafts of other articles which I have in mind.

I have arbitarily set 1955, 50 years ago now, as the cut off date of relevant information as being deemed historical. Subject matter will cover both sea borne and air borne equipment. Without wanting to be prescriptive thereby restricting your thought processes, enclosed also is a "memory jogger list" simply to get you started.

I ask that whatever you produce, you communicate this to me by the media of Australia Post, email or audio tape. Phone me by all means if you wish, but as I have no means of recording a telephone conversation, information given over the phone would likely be lost.

As a matter of interest, I sent a similar letter to 32 other ex "Greenies" 2 months ago. These have yielded some valuable information, but I'd like more.

I would appreciate hearing from you by the end of February, even if simply to say, "Sorry chum, can't help you at all". Thankyou in anticipation of receiving your response,

Sincerely,

George Stevens